

SENATE BILL 342

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By: **Senator Young**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2012

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Nuclear Power Plant Citizens Oversight Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to appoint a Nuclear Power Plant Citizens
4 Oversight Committee; requiring the Governor to determine the terms and
5 qualifications of members of the Oversight Committee and to designate a chair
6 of the Oversight Committee; requiring the Oversight Committee to be composed
7 of a certain number of members, including a certain number of local residents;
8 establishing the duties of the Oversight Committee; defining a certain term; and
9 generally relating to oversight of nuclear power plants.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Natural Resources

12 Section 3–308

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 **3–308.**

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE” MEANS THE NUCLEAR
20 POWER PLANT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

21 (B) (1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
22 CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

23 (2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) DETERMINE THE TERMS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; AND**

3 **(II) DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE OVERSIGHT**
4 **COMMITTEE.**

5 **(C) THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF NINE**
6 **MEMBERS, AT LEAST TWO OF WHOM SHALL RESIDE WITHIN 10 MILES OF A**
7 **NUCLEAR POWER PLANT.**

8 **(D) THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SHALL:**

9 **(1) MONITOR AND PROVIDE OVERSIGHT REGARDING:**

10 **(I) THE IMPACT OF A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ON THE**
11 **SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON AIR AND WATER**
12 **QUALITY;**

13 **(II) SECURITY MEASURES FOR A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT**
14 **AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES; AND**

15 **(III) EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROCEDURES FOR A**
16 **NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES;**

17 **(2) HEAR AND RESPOND TO COMPLAINTS LODGED BY**
18 **INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY THE OPERATION OF A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT; AND**

19 **(3) COMMUNICATE ANNUALLY WITH THE POWER PLANT**
20 **RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2012.